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SUBJECT: TAIWAN PEOPLE'S LIBERATION FRONT (TPLF) TRIAL

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1. MOFA DIRECTOR OF NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS TODAY TOLD POL COUNS THAT EMBASSY WOULD BE NOTIFIED ONE DAY BEFORE SENTENCING OF SIX TPLF MEMBERS AND THAT EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE WOULD BE INVITED TO ATTEND SENTENCING ESCORTED BY FOREIGN OFFICER AND MJIB REPRESENTATIVES. (FYI: WE UNDERSTAND FROM MOFA THAT SENTENCING WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT WEEK, PROBABLY ON TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY.)
2. DIRECTOR REGRETTED EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE NOT INVITED TO TRIAL AND PUT BLAME ON MJIB FAILURE TO NOTIFY MOFA THAT TRIAL TAKING PLACE. POL COUNS POINTED OUT WE HAD MADE BOTH ORAL AND WRITTEN REQUEST TO MOFA WELL IN ADVANCE AND NO MATTER WHO AT FAULT THAT IT WAS GROC RESPONSIBILITY TO RESPOND ONE WAY OR THE OTHER TO THAT REQUEST. WE WERE PARTICULARLY UNHAPPY ABOUT IT SINCE FOREIGN PRESS AND OTHERS WERE INVITED BY THE GROC TO BE PRESENT AT THE TRIAL.
3. EMBASSY PLANNING TO HAVE HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICER AND CONSULAR

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OFFICER ATTEND SENTENCING. IN THIS WAY WE WILL EMPHASIZE OUR DUAL CONCERNS: HUMAN RIGHTS AND PROTECTION OF OFFICIAL AND ONOFFICIAL AMERICANS WHOSE SECURITY ALLEGEDLY THREATENED BY DEFENDANTS.
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